

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 16-24 will have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

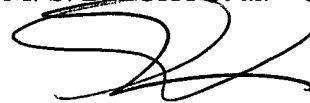
***Restriction Requirement***

The Examiner required restriction on the basis of MPEP §§ 806.05(c) and 806.05(e) between Group I, directed to claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13-15 and 25-31, Group II, directed to claims 16-20, and Group III, directed to claims 21-24. Applicants elected without traverse the invention of Group I. Applicants note that the restriction requirement is now rendered moot because non-elected claims 16-24 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,  
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